

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) congratulated Chicago's DePaul University for being recognized for its demonstrated commitment to environmental sustainability by the U.S. Green Building Council and The Princeton Review.

"DePaul University's dedication to environmental responsibility and sustainability make it a shining example for other universities across the country," **said Congressman Quigley.** "Chicago is fortunate to have such a good steward of the environment right here in our own backyard, and I hope other organizations in our area are inspired to embrace 'green' initiatives."

DePaul's recognition comes as part of *The Princeton Review Guide to 322 Green Colleges*, a free, comprehensive annual guide co-produced with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council and distributed to more than 17,000 guidance counselor offices across the country.

The guide highlights DePaul's Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building, which achieved LEED Gold certification in 2009 and "features a storm water management plan, a partial green roof, use of recycled construction products, and a green housekeeping program."

In addition to green building efforts, DePaul was recognized for its recycling and energy reduction initiatives. A project undertaken by the Information Services department to maximize the processing power of its servers resulted in \$400,000 in savings on hardware and lowered energy consumption by 40 percent.

The 322 institutions recognized in this year's guide scored a "Green Rating" of 83 or above (scaled from 60 to 99). Schools were selected based on a survey conducted in 2011 of 768 of colleges across the U.S. and Canada, in which administrators responded to more than 50 questions regarding their school's sustainability-related programs, policies, and practices.

The full guide can be downloaded at [www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide](http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide) .

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